



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Kimberly A. McNeeley, CPRP, Acting Director
Austin Parks and Recreation Department (PARC)

DATE: July 6, 2018

SUBJECT: Update on Aquatic Facilities

The purpose of this memo is to provide an update regarding the maintenance, infrastructure and staffing associated with PARC's Aquatic Facilities for the 2018 summer season. The PARC Aquatic Division has worked diligently through the off-season to prepare for the summer and continues this diligence to keep all pools and splash pads operational. PARC will provide weekly updates to City Council regarding splash pads and swimming pool operations throughout the summer season.

Splash Pads and Swimming Pools

Since the last communication on July 2, the PARC Aquatic Division continues to experience minor mechanical malfunctions and repairs. These malfunctions have led to temporary pool or splash pad closures (i.e., chemicals dropping below an acceptable range or electrical outages).

After successfully completing testing, the Aquatic Division reopened Mabel Davis Pool on July 4, just in time for the July 4th holiday. Mabel Davis Pool was closed in 2017 when it was discovered that the pool was leaking more than 200,000 gallons of water per day. After the repairs were completed the facility was put through a series of leak detection tests and we have confirmed that the leaking has been reduced to approximately 9,000 gallons per day, which is well within the acceptable range for pool operation.

PARC will continue the practice of issuing press releases and posting information to the Park Closure website at: <http://austintexas.gov/parkclosures> when pools are closed for a period of 24 hours or more.

The following splash pads/pools are closed at this time while repairs are being made:

- Shipe Pool & Wading Pool: Anticipated opening: Summer 2019. (Public meeting scheduled for July 9, 2018 to update community on construction schedule.)
- Govalle Pool: Anticipate opening: Summer 2019.

Aquatic Staffing

All pools are open as scheduled, with the exception of those pools that are closed for repairs. The PARC Aquatic Division continues to train and onboard lifeguards on a daily basis. Currently, the department has 660 lifeguards ready to work, but is still in need of approximately 90 additional trained lifeguards for the summer season. With the exception of unexpected lifeguard call outs, all city pools are fully operational.

Special Events

All pools will return to their normal pool schedules starting the week of July 8, 2018 following the July 4th Holiday week. PARD is excited to be participating in the second year of My Park, My Pool, My City with Forklift Danceworks. This year's performance entitled "Dove Springs Swims" will be held July 12 - 15, 2018, starting at 8:30pm at Dove Springs Pool. Tickets are currently available for reservations and additional information can be found at their website, www.forkliftdanceworks.org.

If you have any questions, please contact Jodi Jay, Division Manager for the Aquatic Division at (512) 974-9459, or email at Jodi.Jay@austintexas.gov.

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